Closing Down of Public Sector Units Running into Losses

5. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of public sector units are incurring losses;

(b) if so, what are the names of these units and the amount of losses incurred during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government propose to close down these units?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) and (b) As per the Public Enterprises Survey placed on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 15-3-85, out of the 201 operating enterprises only 92 enterprises incurred a loss of 1534.37 crores while 109 enterprises earned a net profit of Rs. 1780.04 crores. The names of the enterprises which have incurred losses during 1983-84 together with the amount of loss in each case is available in statement 2.78 at page No. 55 and 56 of Volume I of the Public Enterprises Survey 1983-84. The profit and loss position of these enterprises for the three consecutive years ending 1983-84 is also available in Volume 3 part I of the same Survey.

(c) No decision has been taken in the matter.

New Electricity rates in Delhi

6. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report captioned "DESU charged with excessive billing" which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 13th October, 1985; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) what is the number of consumer complaints received by DESU/NDMC during the last one month and the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the new electricity/power rates in Delhi and since when have these rates been made effective in NDMC/MCD areas and what were the pre-increase rates; and

(d) what are the reasons for the hike in electricity/power rates and whether Government propose to lay a copy of the relevant orders/Gazette Notifications authorising the new rates on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The news item related to alleged over billing by DESU.

(b) During the month of October 1985, DESU received 3400 complaints and NDMC received 300 complaints. Complaints received by DESU generally related to wrong meter reading and improper functioning of the computer system. Most of the complaints have been attended to by DESU and the rest are being looked into. In the case of NDMC complaints were due to enhancement of electric/power tariff and introduction of bi-monthly billing. NDMC have since discontinued bi-monthly billing from November, 1985.

(c) and (d) The pre-revised and revised tariff for electricity by DESU and NDMC are given in the Statements I and II respectively. In addition to tariff rates indicated in the Statement I, DESU also charges electricity tax at 2 paise per unit. The revised rates have come into force from 9-4-1985. The increase in tariff rates became necessary due to increase in the cost of inputs for

power generation and increased cost of purchase of power from other sources to meet the requirement of Delhi. To maintain parity between MCD area and NDMC area, the power rates by NDMC had also to be increased. Since MCD under DMC Act is competent to enhance the power rates, it is not proposed to lay the relevant orders authorising the new rates on the Table of the House.

Statement I

Previous/revised rates for different categories of consumption

Sl. No.	Category	Previous rate (in paise/ per unit)	Revised raten w.e.f. 9-4-85 (in paise/per unit)
1.	*Domestic :*		
	(a) Lighting, fan and power		
	On first 100 unit per month	27	27
	On next 100 unit per month	32	32
	On consumption above 200 unit per month	37	75
	(b) Domestic power (where delivered on a separate meter)		
	for entire consumption	37	75
2.	*Non-domestic :*		
	(a) Low tension supply	48	89
	(b) High tension supply (average realisation)	48	89
3.	*Industrial :*		
	(a) Small industrial power	35	75
	(b) Large industrial power (average realisation)	70	100
4.	*Agriculture :*		
	For enti e consumption	20	20
5.	*Street Lighting :*		
	(energy charges)		
	For entire consumption	22	60
6.	*Night Load tariff :*		
	For entire consumption	24	40
7.	*Railway traction :*		
	(66 KV supply)		
	For entire consumption	—	97

NOTE.—The above rates are subject to the relevant provisions of the Revised tariff 1985-86.

Statement—II

Pre-revised and Revised Tariff rates for supply of electricity in NDMC area

Sl. No.	Category	Rate per unit in paise	
		Pre-revised	Revised
1	2	3	4
1.	(a) *Domestic* :		
	(Light, Fan & Power) :		
	(i) 1st 100 units p.m.	29	29
	(ii) Next 100 units p.m.	34	34
	(iii) Above 200 units p.m.	39	77
	Plus two paise per unit if the payment is not made within the time specified on the energy bill.		
	Subject to minimum charges of :		
	(i) Rs. 5·00 per month for loads below 5 KW		
	(ii) Rs. 15·00 per month per KW or part thereof for all loads of 5 KW and above.		
	(b) *Domestic* (with separate meter) :		
	(i) Light & Fan	Same as in 1(a) above.	
	(ii) Power	Same as in 1(a) above.	77 paise unit on the entire consumption.
	All other terms applicable under 1(a) above shall also apply.		
2.	*Commercial* :		
	Up to 100 KW	51	92
	Plus three p ise per unit if the payment is not made within the time specified on the energy bill.		
	Subject to minimum ch rges of Rs. 15.00 per KW or p rt thereof, per month.		
	( ) Small Industri l consumer will, however, be entitled to concession l power rate subject to cert in conditions.	36	78 (Subject to min. ch rges of Rs. 15.00 per H.P. or p rt thercof on the tot l connected load P.M.)
	(b) Dispens ries nd Hospit ls run/ ided by NDMC, schools run/ ided by Govt./NDMC, places of worship, recognised cheshire homes/orph n ges/ ch rit ble homes run by Govt./NDMC sh ll be billed s :	35	29 p ise/unit for 1st 100 units. 34 p ise/units for all consumption bove 100 units per month.

1	2	3	4
3.	*Commercial* (Above 100 KW) :	—	—
	(i) For first 50,000 units per month	51	90 (For entire consumption)
	(ii) For all subsequent units	50 Plus 7·5 %	Plus 7·5%
	All dispensaries and hospitals run/aided by NDMC, places of worship, recognised cheshire homes/orphanages/charitable homes and schools run by Govt./NDMC	Plus 7·5%	53 Plus 7·5%
4.	*H.T. 11 KV* :		
	(i) For first 50,000 units per month	51	90 (For entire consumption)
	(ii) For all subsequent units	50	
	All dispensaries and Hospitals run/aided by NDMC, Places of worship, recognised cheshire homes, orphanages/Cheritable homes and schools run by Govt./NDMC		53
	Subject to minimum charges of Rs. 24.00 per KVA or part thereof, per month		
5.	*Street Lighting* : (including NDMC)	25	60
6.	*Temporary Supply* :		
	All other conditions remaining, the same as in corresponding category of permanent supply at the tariff shall be higher by 50 % of the relevant tariff schedule.		

Thermal and Hydel Power Stations

7. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL :

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2057 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th August, 1985 and state :

(a) the names of those thermal and hydel power stations under State Government Agencies and in the Central Sector, the power generation of which has declined in the list two years, giving figures; and

(b) the names of those power stations, the capacity utilisation of which has been the best, stating their plant load factors during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) Names of thermal and hydel power stations under State Government Agencies and Central Sector, in which there is declining trend in power generation during 1983-84 and/or 1984-85 as compared to 1982-83, are given in statement-I and II.

(b) Plant Load Factor (PLF) is not a parameter for judging the performance of hydel power stations. Names of thermal power stations having PLF of 70% and above during the last three years are given in statement III.